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1. Discussed with Messrs. Smart and Blandford, of the House Armed Services Committee, certain technical questions preparatory to Committee consideration of S. 1110, a bill to establish a Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

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2. In connection with the request of [] of DD/P, I asked Dr. Besterman, Staff Director of the Immigration Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee, whether they had any specific details to back up Mr. Walters statement reported on 8 March that "shipping people" were putting Communists on ships crews for infiltration into the United States. I was informed that this was a general statement made for effect and without specific foundation.

3. I talked with Mr. Sprankle, Chief Clerk of the House Appropriations Committee, regarding his call to me and to District Traffic Director Kneipp as to the Buick with District tags 1-5073, which Sprankle had approached thinking it was the car we had sent for Mr. Taber. The driver had informed him that he was "waiting for a lady", and the Appropriations Committee people never found their car. Mr. Taber has now sent a critical letter to the Director regarding use of automobiles. This car was the Legislative Liaison courier's.

4. Talked with Congressman Hays, former acting Chairman of the House Committee Investigating Charitable Foundations, and requested that CIA be permitted to photostat 70 files of the Committee on its own rather than use Library of Congress facilities because of the security involved in our selection of specific files. He requested me to write him a letter which he could show to the Speaker, but he anticipated no difficulty in this respect.

5. Talked with Congresswoman Bolton on a personal basis regarding her bill to rename a Veterans' ~~Ha~~ Administration hospital after Dr. Harvey Cushing. She asked me to write her a letter in this connection as she desired all possible assistance in view of the position of the Committee

Chairman that hospitals would not receive specific names.

6. Mr. Doulong informed me that he had been told by Traffic Director Kneipp's office that Mr. Taber was having his investigators go through the Commissioner's files to check on all Government vehicles utilizing District plates.